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1. Al-Suwayyil is Envoy to Washington. The local press on June 25 published a Royal Decree signed by the Regent appointing Shaykh Ibrahim al-SUWAYYIL, former Minister of Agriculture, as Ambassador to the US and Head of the Saudi UN delegation. Al-Suwayyil is expected to arrive in Washington in mid-July.

(UNCLASSIFIED)

2. USS LLOYD THOMAS Aids Crash Investigation. The destroyer USS LLOYD THOMAS on June 23 made extensive probes using its sonar equipment in an effort to locate the wreckage of the Saudi Airlines Dakota aircraft which crashed in the Red Sea on June 13 about 71 miles south and west of Jidda. Because of the great depth of the water in the area and because the wreckage is scattered, a precise location could not be fixed; Commander Hertzog reported to Saudi officials that recovery would be next to impossible. (see Psychological). (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. AFME Representative Dies in Jidda. Former USN Commander and UNTSO Military Observer, Elmo H. Hutchison, Regional Director for the American Friends of the Middle East, died of a heart attack while swimming at 'Ubhur, north of Jidda, on June 24. Commander Hutchison, well-known in the Arab World because of his book, Violent Truce, had just arrived in Jidda for a short visit. The Saudi Coast Guard and the American community joined hands in a round-the-clock search for his body which was recovered the following morning. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. Television. Paul Gardeman and Company, the contractor selected to construct television stations in Jidda and Riyadh, broke ground for the Jidda station on June 28, 1964, almost three weeks ahead of schedule. Corps of Engineers representatives have been discussing details of the project with Ministry of Information officials this week to ensure that the two stations will be on the air in April 1965, as scheduled. (UNCLASSIFIED)

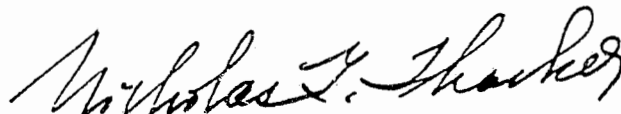
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1. Commander Hertzig's Press Conference. Following the return of his ship from its search for the wrecked Saudi Airlines Dakota aircraft, Commander R. D. Hertzig, Captain of the USS LLOYD THOMAS held a press conference June 23. Representatives of the three local dailies attended the hour-long meeting which was arranged by the office of the PAO. Extensive coverage of the meeting appeared the following day in the press. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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